

much; for I was so taken with his company I hardly knew how to leave him.

Talking, we walked under several of the before-mentioned clusters of trees, which proceeded from one single plant: Being come to one larger than the rest, and which he said he frequented most, being the largest in the island; this, said he, covers, with its own branches, a whole acre of land; so made several remarks on the wonderful works of nature.

The old gentleman shewed us several natural curiosities, as a parcel of rocks that appeared at a distance like houses and churches, which altogether represented an handsome city, and many others; but as they are sufficiently treated of by him in his memoirs hereafter, it will be needless to say any thing more on that head. The day being far spent, the old gentleman takes me by the hand: Come, said he, I will keep you no longer; night comes on apace, and the retreat from this island is dangerous: therefore I would have you improve the short remains of the day, to avoid the danger the darkness of the night may carry you into: Let us go home, that I may give you the memorial I have promised you, and then my blessing and hearty prayers for your departure.

departure, and happy arrival. So we went to his habitation, where he gave me a roll of parchment.

The good man then takes me in his open arms, and embraces me over and over, with all the tenderness words and actions could express.



He attended me to the lake side. And when I came there, would have waded over with me, that he might have the satisfaction of seeing us safe from the dangerous rock; but I would not in any wise permit him. Thus having prevailed upon him to stay behind, we prepared to wade over: So after a few more embraces, we crossed the lake.